

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 27, 2007. Claims 1 to 21 are pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 13 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that the § 101 rejection is obviated by the claim amendments. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,145,687 (Nishikawa). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

The present invention involves setting print setting information for printing a document. Print setting information is set for an imported document. Either the print setting information set for the imported document is instructed to be registered as template information, or new print setting information is instructed to be registered as template information. When it is instructed that the print setting information set for the imported document is registered as template information, a first setting screen is displayed, which includes an item for setting a name of the template information, and which includes the print setting information set for the imported document. When it is instructed that the new print setting information is registered as template information, a second setting screen is displayed for setting the new print setting information.

The template information for the print setting information set for the imported document is registered with the name set by using the first setting screen when the first setting

screen is displayed. The template information for the new print setting information set by using the second setting screen is registered when the second setting screen is displayed. The registered template information is read for the imported document or for a new document.

By virtue of the foregoing, a user can look to see which print setting information is to be set as template information, and set and register a name of the template information. Thus, the print setting information will be registered with visual confirmation of the contents of the settings to be registered if a user attempts to register the print settings.

Turning to specific claim language, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a document processing method wherein print setting information for printing a document is set. The method includes an importing step of importing the document; a setting step of setting the print setting information for the document imported in the importing step; an instructing step of instructing that the print setting information set in the setting step is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information; a displaying step of displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set in the setting step when the instructing step instructs that the print setting information set in the setting step is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new print setting information when the instruction step instructs that the new print setting information is registered as template information; a registering step of registering the template information for the print setting information set in the setting step with the name set by using the first setting screen when the first setting screen is displayed in the displaying step, and registering the template information for the new print setting information set by using the second setting screen when the second setting screen is displayed in the displaying step; and a reading step of reading the

template information registered in said registration step for the imported document or a new document.

Applicants respectfully submit that Nishikawa is not believed to disclose or suggest all of the features of the method of Claim 1. In particular, Nishikawa is not believed to disclose or suggest at least the features of instructing that print setting information set for an imported document is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information, displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set for the imported document when it is instructed that the print setting information for the imported document is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new print setting information when it is instructed that the new print setting information is registered as template information.

Nishikawa is seen to disclose an information processing apparatus that stores print data in an intermediate save file. The intermediate save file stores contents data of the print matter and print setting data. However, Nishikawa is believed to be silent on displaying a setting screen including an item for setting a name of template information and including print setting information, and displaying a setting screen for setting new print setting information according to an instruction.

Therefore, Nishikawa is not believed to disclose or suggest at least the features of instructing that print setting information set for an imported document is registered as template information or that new print setting information is registered as template information, displaying a first setting screen including an item for setting a name of the template information and including the print setting information set for the imported document when it is instructed that

the print setting information for the imported document is registered as template information, and displaying a second setting screen for setting the new print setting information when it is instructed that the new print setting information is registered as template information.

Amended independent Claims 7 and 13 are directed to a document processor and computer program product, respectively, substantially in accordance with the method of Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 7 and 13 are also now in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. Because each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual consideration of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Turning to a formal matter, the face page of the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 14, 2004, on which were listed four U.S. Applications, was not initialed and returned. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that this information has been considered by initialling and returning a copy of the face page of the aforementioned Information Disclosure Statement.

No other matters being raised in the Office Action, and in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

Finally, the previous claim count totaled 18, 3 of which were independent. The present amendment adds 3 new claims, none of which are independent. Because 21 claims are now pending in the application, a claim fee of \$50 is believed to be due, and the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account 50-3939. Should it be determined that additional claim fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-3939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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